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SUBJ: PRESS CLAIMS PRO-SOVIET COUP PRECEDED RIGHTIST COUP IN  
BANGLADESH

1. PERSIAN-LANGUAGE KAYHAN CARRIED LONG ARTICLE AUGUST 17 CLAIMING THERE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN TWO COUPS IN BANGLADESH AUGUST 15, A PRO-SOVIET ONE BEGINNING AT 3:30 AM IN WHICH MUJIB WAS KILLED, FOLLOWED BY RIGHTIST COUNTERCOUP AT 5:30 AM IN WHICH LEFTIST COUP-MAKERS WERE KILLED. WE UNDERSTAND SOURCE OF UNSIGNED ARTICLE IS AFP WHICH CLAIMS THAT GOVT OF BANGLADESH IS PREPARING TO CONFIRM THIS STORY. OTHER PERSIAN AND FOREIGN-LANGUAGE PAPERS IN IRAN HAVE NOT REFERRED TO THIS VERSION OF EVENTS.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF ARTICLE, WHICH WE PASS ON FOR WHATEVER IT MAY BE WORTH, ARE THAT LEFTIST COUP HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR MONTHS BY PRO-MOSCOW ELEMENTS DISCHARGED FROM CABINET BY MUJIB, INCLUDING TAJ-ED-DIN AHMAD, ABDOS-SAMAD AZAD, MOHAMMAD SOHRAB HUSSEIN, GHAMAR OZ ZAMAN, ABDAR RAB, GHORBAN ALI AND SHAMS AL HAGH, BANGLADESH'S AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW. TWO COUSINS OF MUJIB, SHAHED AND MUNIR, AND THE FORMER VICE PRES, NAZR AL ISLAM, COOPERATED WITH LEFTTISTS. GROUP IS SAID TO HAVE FEARED MUJIB WOULD

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GRAVITATE TOWARD WEST. RIGHTISTS FOR THEIR PART WERE ALSO

PLANNING COUP FOR END OF THIS MONTH BUT WANTED TO KEEP MUJIB AS  
SYMBOL. IN ADDITION TO DHONDEGAR MUSHTAGH AHMAD, THIS GROUP  
INCLUDED ABDOL MANNAN, TRADE UNION LEADER, ABU SA'ID  
CHODHARI, FIRST PRES OF BANGLADESH, PROF YOOSEF AMI AND  
ABRAHIM ALI. WHEN THEY GOT WORD OF LEFTIST COUP, ALLEGEDLY  
THROUGH INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WHO COOPERATED WITH U.S., THEY  
IMMEDIATELY SEIZED DACCA RADIO AND BROADCAST NEWS OF COUP BUT  
SAID NOTHING OF MUJIB MURDER. THEIR FORCES THEN FOUGHT LEFTISTS  
AROUND DANMANDI AND OFFICER'S CLUB, WITH LARGE NUMBERS ON BOTH  
SIDES KILLED. PRO-MOSCOW FORCES ARE SAID TO HAVE PREPARED  
THOUSANDS OF ARMED MEN IN COUNTRYSIDE FOR ATTACKING DACCA BUT  
RIGHTISTS THWARTED THIS MOVE BY SURROUNDING CAPITAL AND  
DECLARING MARTIAL LAW.  
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